

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Monday, January 23, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell in the chair.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read and adopted with the following corrections, by inserting corrected report of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, as follows: -

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, January 20, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee upon Retrenchment and Reform, to whom was referred the apportionment of clerks to the several committees, would respectfully beg leave to submit, as their report, the following resolution, and recommend its passage:

SEC. 1. *Resolved*, That the following named committees be authorized to employ clerks, viz:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, one clerk.

The Committee on Finance, one clerk.

The Committee on Printing, one clerk.

The Judiciary Committee, one clerk.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, one clerk.

The Committees on Education and Public Debt, one clerk.

The Committees on the Penitentiary, and Roads, Bridges and Ferries, one clerk.

The Committees to Examine Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts, and Counties and County Boundaries, one clerk.

The Committees on State Affairs and Stock and Stock Raising, one clerk.

The Committees on Contingent Expenses and Public Buildings, one clerk.

The Committees on Federal Relations and Privileges and Elections, one clerk.

The Committees on Immigration and Nominations by the Governor, one clerk.

The Committees on Private Land Claims and Engrossed Bills, one clerk.

The Committees on Public Lands and Land Office, and Enrolled Bills, one clerk.

The Committees on Agricultural Affairs, Claims and Accounts, and Militia, one clerk.

SEC. 2. That said clerks be not employed until there is actual work before the respective committees requiring their services.

SEC. 3. That said clerks shall be respectively discharged by the chairman of the several committees as soon as their services can possibly be dispensed with.

Very respectfully,

W. A. SAYLOR,  
Chairman.

Also corrected report of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

AUSTIN, January 21, 1871.

Hon. J. S. MILLS,

Chairman, Committee on Public Buildings:

SIR: In accordance with your instructions, I have examined the rooms in the Capitol building, and I find that they are all occupied.

The Executive office includes two rooms.

The office of the Secretary of State three.

The Attorney General one.

The Adjutant General one.

The Supreme Court is using five rooms.

The President of the Senate has one.

The Speaker of the House has one,

And the only remaining room is used as a committee room by the House.

I have also tried to procure rooms at the Comptroller's and Land offices, but they have none vacant. Finding that I could not secure rooms for committees in the public buildings, I have secured the refusal of five suitable rooms on Congress Avenue. Three of the rooms are on the second floor of the frame building, situated on the corner of Avenue and Pecan streets, the rent for which will be fifty dollars per month. The other two rooms are on the second floor of what is known as the Miller building, and immediately in rear of the "Colorado Club Room," and can be secured for thirty dollars per month.

I can find rooms sufficient for the committees, if I knew that the locations would suit them. We must get rooms wherever we can find them, and it is impossible to get all of the rooms in convenient and suitable places, as most of the rooms for rent in the business part of the town have already been disposed of.

The five rooms above mentioned, will be held up for an answer from me to-day.

Respectfully,

W. B. JOHNSTON,  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Senate.

Message from the House, transmitting House joint resolution No. 7, authorizing the Adjutant General of the State, to procure a suitable building in this city for the use of his department, and to remove the powder and explosive ammunition from the basement of the Capitol.

### PETITIONS.

By Senator Mills: petition of citizens of San Antonio, asking for the repeal of the charter of said city, passed at the last session, and asking for the re-enactment of the charter of 1856.

Read and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Senator Ford: a petition of P. H. McBride, for relief.

Read and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Report of Committee on Agricultural Affairs:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, January 21, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 2, entitled "An act granting assistance to the Agricultural, Mechanical Blood Stock Association of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by the committee to report it back to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass.

HENRY RAWSON,  
Chairman.

Read and laid over under the rules.

### BILLS.

By Senator Pyle: "An act to incorporate the Johnson's Point Male and Female Academy."

Also, "An act to prohibit the sale or otherwise disposing of spirituous or vinious liquors within five miles of Johnson's Point Male and Female Academy, in Kaufman county, Texas."

Bills read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

Senator Gaines offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That, whereas, the condition of things has become so that provision, board and rent are so high at each session of the Legislature that members can hardly pay their expenses; therefore be it resolved, that the next annual session of the Legislature be held in the city of Houston.

Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

## GENERAL FILE.

House joint resolution No. 4, asking influence of Texas Congressmen for correction of, and increased mail facilities.

Read first time; rules suspended, joint resolution read second time and passed to third reading.

Rules further suspended, joint resolution read third time and passed.

House joint resolution No. 1, providing for the election of United States Senator on the second Tuesday after the organization of this Legislature,

Read second time.

Senator Ruby moved the joint resolution pass to its third reading, which was carried by the following vote :

Yeas—Senators Baker, Bell, Evans, Ford, Gaines, Hall, Hildebrandt, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Rawson, Ruby, Tendick—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Senators Broughton, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Flanagan, Latimer, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle, Shannon—11.

Senator Ruby moved that the rules be suspended and joint resolution be read third time,

Which motion was lost.

Senator Fountain offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be and is hereby authorized and requested to obtain the necessary furniture for committee rooms.

Resolution adopted.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

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